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Classified By: PolOfficer Peter D'Amico, for reasons 1.4(b) & (d).

11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel points on June 9 to Marko Horvat, Head of the NATO Department. Horvat said Croatia was supportive of a NATO counter-piracy mission, especially since maritime issues play an important role in the country. Horvat noted that five Croatian sailors were participating in ATALANTA, and that the GoC would also consider making a contribution of personnel to Operation Ocean Shield.  
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